

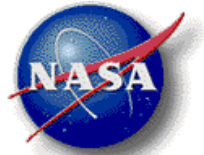
MAPGEN ***Mixed Initiative Activity Plan Generator*** ***for*** ***MER***

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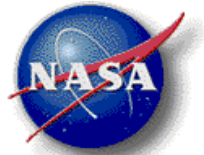
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Objectives



Build, integrate, test and deploy a robust ground based
Mixed Initiative Planning/Scheduling tool for Science
Activity Planning
within the setting of an actual NASA mission

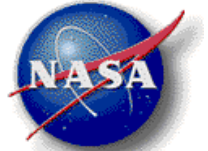


To *increase* Science Return and *reduce* Risk
using advanced Planning & Scheduling capabilities
for MER



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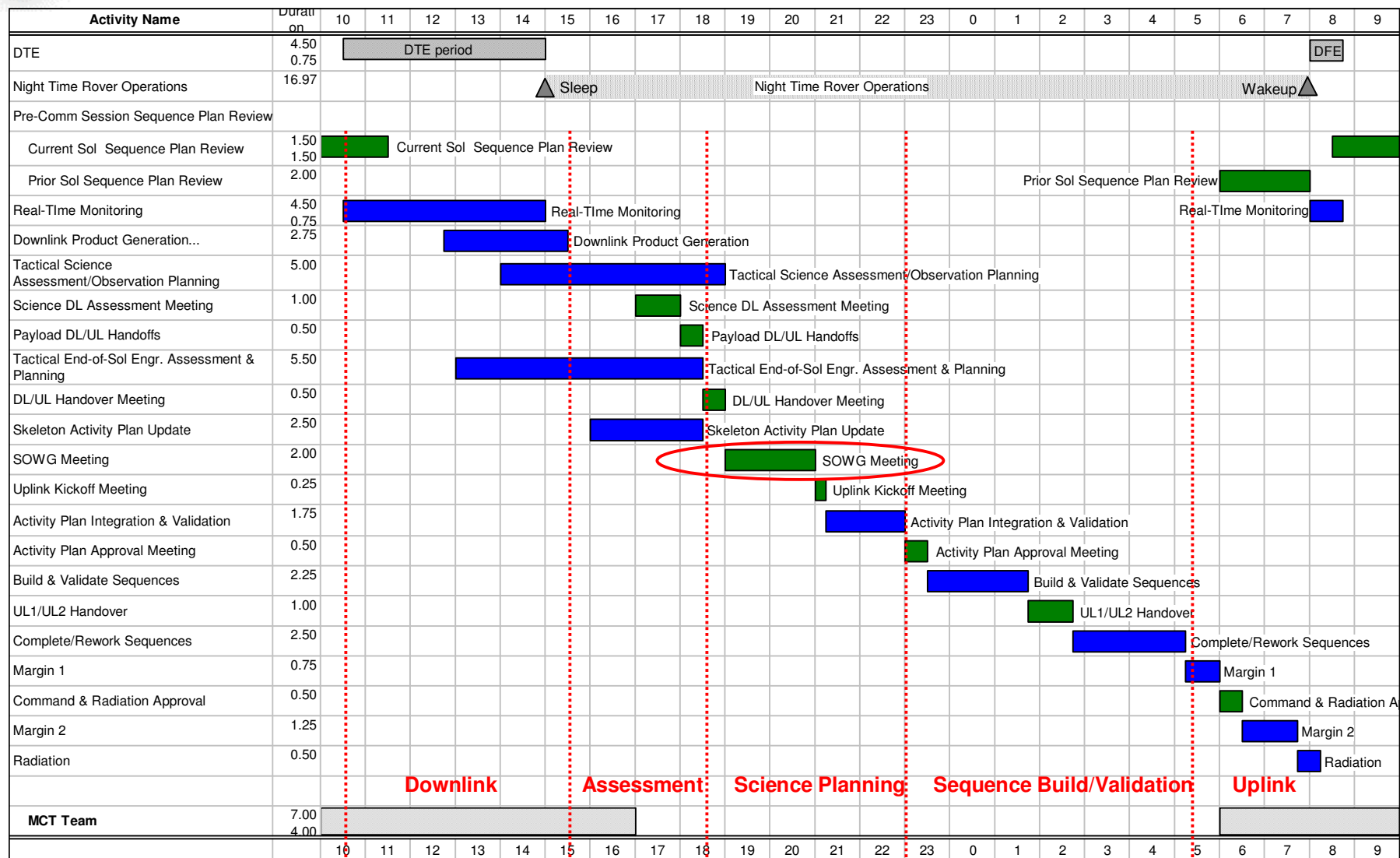
Approach



Integrate Ames' designed Constraint-based Planning technology with existing JPL Activity Planning tool (APGEN) within current uplink process for MER

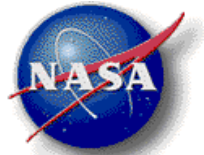


Impact of MAPGEN on Tactical Uplink Process





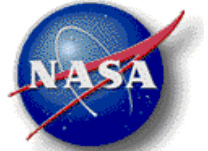
Where are we?



- Part of the Ground Data System for Mars03 since Oct01.
- Requirements and Design reviews by MER project completed June02.
- First delivery (engineering) to project June02.
 - Basic domain MER domain model for an approach Sol
 - Stable interface design and implementation of procedural based APGEN system with declarative forms of Planner modeling
 - Planner core infrastructure includes capabilities to
 - Activity Decomposition
 - Reason over resources using flexible temporal plans
 - Goal Rejection
 - Active constraint maintenance
 - Simple activity explanation
 - Participation in end-to-end uplink flow Thread-Test July02.
- Survived one MER project budget exercise in Jan02!
- Yet to see results from current project budget exercise!



Where do we go from here?

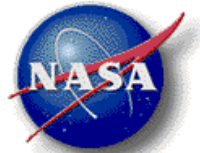


- Formal deliveries for
 - GDS7 Oct02
 - GDS8 Feb03
 - GDS8.5 June03 (all core capabilities included)
 - GDS9 Sept03 (post-launch domain model updates)
- Expected functionalities include:
 - Resource reasoning using an external (sw) expert model
 - Resource explanation facility
 - Ability to provide advanced Mixed-Initiative control features in various modes of operation
 - Fully automated planning
 - Planning with resource fixing by the user
 - No search, but active constraint maintenance only (APGEN look-alike)
- Participation in:
 - ORT's (Operations Readiness Tests)
 - Field Tests
 - Usability Workshop for MER Scientists and Ops personnel



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Mixed Initiative Activity Plan Generation For the Mars03 Mission

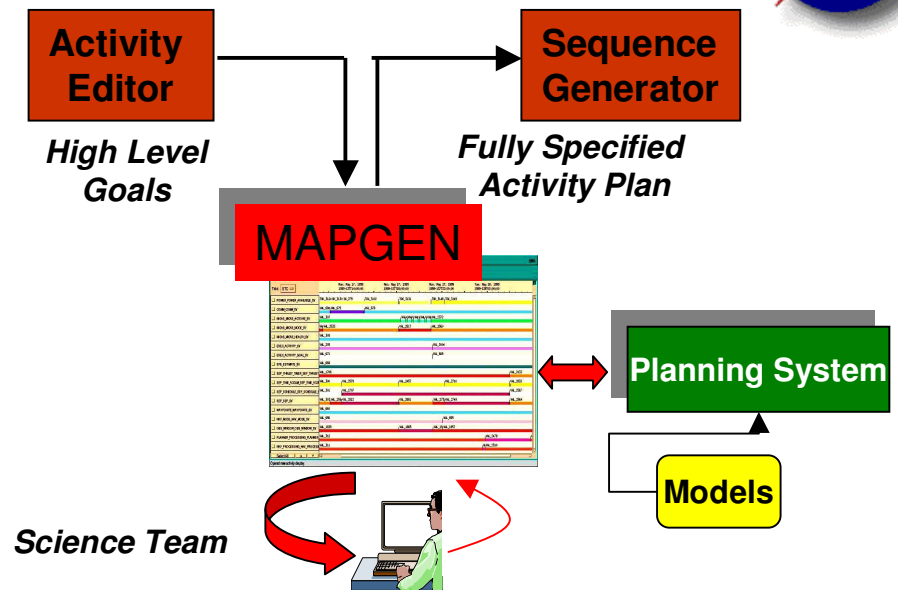


Goal: To build a robust ground based Mixed-Initiative (MI) Planning/Scheduling system for use by Mission Scientists and MER Ops Personnel.

Objectives: Use of automated P&S techniques working in concert with MI techniques to generate resource bound plans using flexible temporal plans.

Key Innovations:

- Reasoning over resource bounds using MI approaches for flexible temporal plans
- Advanced constraint-based reasoning techniques coupled with a fixed-schedule plan visualization.



NASA Relevance:

- Providing robust resource allocation decisions
- Enforcing more downstream constraints in plans
- Active constraint maintenance for enforcing mission/flight rules
- Framework for a Multi-mission ground-based science/operations tool for NASA.

Accomplishments to date:

- FY02 Prototype effort leads to entry into Mission Oct01.
- Requirements and Design review by mission, June02.
- First delivery to mission and participation in Thread-Test, July02.

Schedule:

- FY01: Prototype demonstration for Activity Planning incl. Basic APGEN/Planner integration, simple model for resource computation, basic explanation facility.
- FY02: First Engineering Delivery June 02 for Thread-Test-C incl. first use of formal MER model, Requirements/Design reviews, basic implementation of core resource reasoning capabilities.
- FY03: Deliveries for Oct02, Jan03, June03, Sept03. June03 delivery incl. full planner functionality. Final Sept03 delivery includes updates to MER domain models.
- FY04: Testing, Operations Readiness Tests and actual surface mission Ops Jan-April04.

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